



March 24, 2026
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
NICOLLET COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY

The Nicollet County Drainage Authority met in regular session on Tuesday March 24, 2026, following adjournment of the regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioners Dehen, Zins, Kolars, Helget, and Dranttel were in attendance. County Administrator Mandy Landkamer and County Attorney Michelle Zehnder were also present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Dranttel and seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the agenda. Carried with a 4-0 vote. Commissioner Kolars was not present for the vote.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to approve the consent agenda items follows:

- a. March 10, 2026 Drainage Authority Minutes

Carried unanimously.

Public Appearances:

No Public appearances

Public Services

CD76A Repair Landowner Information Meeting

The Drainage Authority participated in an Informational Meeting regarding repairs needed on County Ditch 76A. The matter was not before the Drainage Authority to take formal action.

Nathan Henry, Ditch Inspector, presented background information on the County Ditch 76A repair, repair report 25-032. This project addresses the failure of the berm and pump station structure during a significant rain last summer/fall. A temporary repair was implemented. The Drainage Authority then retained Houston Engineering, Inc. to complete a repair report on this pump station to provide the Drainage Authority with repair options.

Chris Otterness, P.E. and Dennis McAlpine, P.E., Sr. Project Manager, Houston Engineering, Inc. presented the findings for the Drainage Authority's review and consideration. The presentation included discussion regarding the difference between a repair project and an improvement project. Two alternative repair options were presented including the estimated costs and a comparison of pump size, power capacity, total pumping output, and drainage coefficient. Engineer Otterness noted that a repair would result in an increase in pumping efficiency due to the age and condition of the existing pumps. Both alternative repair options would require the involvement of, and approval from, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Engineer Otterness noted that the minimum timeframe for pump system installation is approximately 6 months.

The following landowners spoke during the comment period:

Marvin Krohn expressed concern about the flat ditch grade as he believes it hinders water removal on the west side. He feels that improving the grade would allow for faster drainage which is necessary.

Seth Krohn requested clarification regarding the initial total capacity of the system.

Rich Grommersch expressed his questions about whether the increased pumping efficiency created by the new pumps will be sufficient to address existing drainage issues or whether a slight grade change is needed

Warren Krohn would like to see the ditch grade lowered by 2 feet and made wider. One of the culverts needs to be replaced.

Brent Krohn expressed his opinion that the project needs to move forward due to his concern about a potential failure of the pump.

Engineer Otterness expressed that any change in grade to the system would be considered an improvement to the system and the work would need to be initiated by an improvement petition.

Commissioner Dehen acknowledged their concerns and thanked the speakers for their feedback. He directed the landowners to contact Ditch Inspector Henry if they have additional feedback. Further discussion and a decision by the Drainage Authority would occur at a future Drainage Authority Meeting.

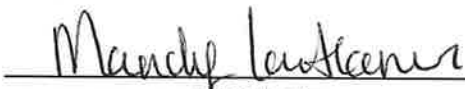
Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.



MARK DEHEN, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER,
CLERK TO THE BOARD